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Small farmers along the river bank lost close to an acre due to sewage entering their lands as realtors dump construction debris in Vrishabhavathi

RIVER'S END

Debris 20-ft high and 700-ft wide at places

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The Vrishabhavathi valley in Bengaluru is a critical valley with a catchment area of over 170 sq km. The valley is connected to many city lakes; urbanisation has been a serious threat to the valley for long.

Realtors are now dumping construction debris at night in the Vrishabhavathi river, citizens said. The rampant dumping of debris has now led to diversion of sewage water to flow through the farms alongside the river.

The illegal dumping is reported in Kambipura village, survey number 170, where the debris is approximately 20-ft high and 700-ft wide. The river in this area flows between Thagachaguppe and Kambipura. The flow of sewage water is evident at survey numbers 5,6,7,8, and 10,11,12 and 13.

Small farmers who own land alongside the river have lost close to an acre due to sewage entering their lands. Around 30 to 40 productive coconut trees have been washed away too.

Bengaluru Navanirmana Party (BNP) said the land has lost its fertility due to contamination. Illegal dumping has reduced the width of the actual flow area.

Farmers have been approaching officials concerned with their complaint letter since December 2021,

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The Vrishabhavathi valley

"A farmer can no longer see farm area in the blueprint. It doesn't exist anymore due to encroachment — Murthy, farmer

Push to build a dream on

'Para-athletes do not receive recognition as able-bodied counterparts'

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Para-athletes across the country, especially the under-recognised, have another chance to shine now. A city-based NGO is on a quest to spot the next top para-athlete and provide training.

Apart from having to overcome disabilities, para-athletes do not receive the kind of recognition as their able-bodied counterparts. In most cases, despite national-level achievements, they still need employment to meet financial needs.

The programme focusing on the development of para-athletes is spearheaded by paralympic swimmer and coach Sharath Gayakawad.

After scrutinising achievements and the previous year's performance, the NGO chooses para-athletes with potential and ensures training throughout their careers.

Candidates are brought to Bengaluru where they are provided the right resources and training to become full-fledged sportspersons.

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3 THINGS TO DO

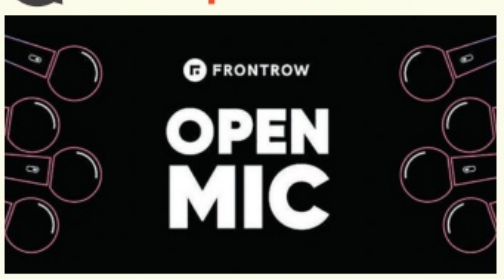
01 Art for the heart

Esthetique 2022 organised by Kreative Minds is an online art exhibition featuring works of many contemporary artists in many mediums.
They are all presenting their works on the theme - My Style My Art. You can view and purchase their works via the exhibition.
Where: YouTube
When: February 28 and March 2
Contact: 8585073660

02 Kabuliwala calling

Remember Rabindranath Tagore's endeering tale of the sweet friendship between a street vendor from Kabul and a tiny, toddler? Bangalore Little Theatre is producing a play based on this story. Book your tickets then; Kabuliwala is calling.
Where: Ranga Shankara
When: March 13
Tickets: bookmyshow.com

03 Mic drop moments



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Bird's eye view

Great Backyard Bird Count in February turns out to be a hit; Bengalureans see rare, endangered birds like Loten's Sun Bird, Alexandrine Parakeet near the lakes

More than 30 witnessed 43 rare species of birds showing unique behaviours on the first day of the Great Backyard Bird Count which was held in February. The annual avian census held in the campus of Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE), hosted people who came to spot the whereabouts of different species of birds.

Loten's Sun Bird also known as the Long-Billed Sun Bird, was one of the most common of the lot. The species, not found in the city usually, was spotted near Rachenahalli Lake.

Dr Rajkamal Goswami, conservation scientist, ATREE, said, "It was more unusual that we spotted a male as well as a female and they were showing nesting behaviour. It is extremely uncommon."

Dr Rajkamal added, "Our campus is located within a fairly green residential layout in Royal Enclave. It is also adjacent to the Rachenahalli Lake, hence chances of spotting various species of birds are way better."

Among other feathered visitors, people spotted the Ashy Drongo, a dark grey bird with a long and forked tail. They also spotted Warblers, another winter visitor which is small and survives on insects. Another wonder spotted was the Alexandrine Parakeet, a species which is on the verge of extinction.

"We spotted a male and a female (Loten's Sun Bird); they were showing nesting behaviour. It is extremely uncommon
–Dr Rajkamal Goswami, conservation scientist, ATREE

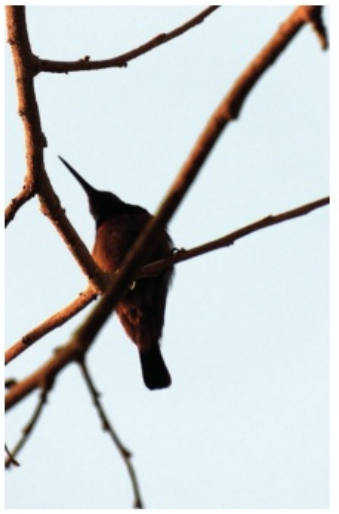
Dr Rajkamal spotted birds like the Spoonbill, which was named so because of the resemblance of its mouth to a spoon or spatula. He also spotted the Eurasian Marsh Harrier, a large bird with a long tail, near Sampigehalli Lake.

The census covered only one fourth of Rachenahalli Lake on day one. For the remaining days, the authorities covered the rest of the lake along with Jakkur Lake and Sampigehalli Lake. "If time permits, we will also include Kogilu Lake for bird watching," Dr Rajkamal had said.

The authorities were extremely happy at the footfall. "The census was definitely better on the first morning of this event compared to previous year's," said Dr Rajkamal.

The event began with an orientation and introduction to the participants. The people who had gathered with their cameras and binoculars had a great time as they came across birds that are seldom found in the vicinity of the city.

–Shreyashi Mukherjee



Participants using binoculars to spot birds near the lakes at the event

Maha Shivarathri calls for mass prison worship, fasting

Around 2,200 prisoners, of 4,400 at Parappana Agrahara Central Prisons fast

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Around 2,200 prisoners, of 4,400 lodged at Parappana Agrahara Central Prisons, are observing an 'upavasa' (fast) for Maha Shivarathri on the intervening night of Tuesday and Wednesday (March 1 and March 2). This is almost half of the prison population. The prisoners reportedly believe this is their chance to be forgiven for their crimes.

A temple inside the prison premise is decorated with flowers and bhajans and kirtans are being sung by prisoners who are also playing instruments. Areas in and around the temple were cleaned and decked with flowers.

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According to sources, the prisoners observing the 'upavasa' are consuming only bananas, boiled groundnuts and jaggery, which prison authorities have procured for them.

"We have to cook and feed only the rest half with normal food with no non-vegetarian items," a senior official said.

While some continued singing songs at the temple, groups of other prisoners were allowed to visit the Shiva idol on Tuesday. However, after 6 pm, they have to get back to their cells in their respective barracks. During this, a few representative prisoners from each barrack continued singing throughout the night until Wednesday morning, which is a no-moon day. Today at 10 am rituals will be performed.

A senior official said, many prisoners are believe the no-moon day is their chance to repent and reform through rituals. And this is the reason, this year we have seen around half of the prisoner population inside jail observing fasting, the official added.

Vigilance Wing of forest dept arrests habitual offender trying to sell Star Tortoises illegally

What's the racket?

The Vigilance Wing of the forest department is probing a 'Star Tortoise racket' after two star tortoises were seized in Bengaluru on Monday. Based on the information provided by the department, officials of the Forest Mobile Squad (FMS) arrested a person who was trying to sell the tortoises illegally. The animals were seized from the Shivajinagar bird market.

The person arrested is identified as Ravichandar, who hails from Bagalur. According to the officials, he is a habitual offender and has another case filed against him a month ago.

"Almost a month back, another agency had filed a case against him for the illegal selling of Parakeets. We plan to go deep into the investigation and try to trace the whole network," said Seema Garg, additional principal chief conservator of forest (vigilance), forest department.

A raid was conducted by DCF Forest Mobile Squad on Monday. Both the animals were taken to custody and handed over to the rescue centre at Bannerghatta Biological Park. The accused is currently in custody and the interrogation is going on.

"We can get custody only for a few days and are supposed to get maximum information during this time... Many times they (the accused) do not disclose everything and get away... Hopefully this time we can nab the network," said Garg.

-Garima Prasher

The tortoises were handed over to the rescue centre at Bannerghatta Biological Park after the raid

TOXIC TAILS

Seven cats found dead since Feb 14 in JP Nagar's Elita Promenade Apartment; residents suspect they were poisoned

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This cat, barely surviving, was taken to the veterinarian

Animal loving residents of Elita Promenade Apartment in JP Nagar, 7th phase, are worried someone from their apartment has been poisoning and killing community cats lately.

Savitha Bhavsar, a resident, filed a complaint at the Puttenahalli Police Station as around seven cats in her community were found dead since February 14, due to mysterious circumstances. The first was found dead on Valentine's Day. Residents thought it may have been a natural death, but subsequent discoveries of three dead cats in and around blocks B1 and B2 led to suspicion. Residents confirmed these deaths were unnatural.

"Around 16 cats reside here. We have 17 blocks, with 1,573 houses," Bhavsar said. She recalled several complaints on Whatsapp groups in their community where residents complained about cats littering the premises, including the parking area.

Some residents had objected to others feeding cats and a few were scared of animals, including pets, in general.

Initially, animal loving residents suspected parvovirus or other viral outbreaks and decided to take a cat to a veterinarian as she was still breathing but unable to walk. The veterinarian told them the tests came negative, but the cat's lungs and heart were filled with water, which looked like an infection from the stomach.

"The cat could have consumed poison..." Bhavsar said.

Even though residents knew the cats were being poisoned, they could not find what kind of poison was causing the cat deaths.

Bhavsar approached the estate manager and asked him to remove all rat poison cakes they had placed at the parking lots to get rid of rats entering cars. The estate manager told her they had not placed rat poison cakes for the last two weeks. Therefore, a group of residents approached the Puttenahalli police and filed a complaint, based on which an FIR was registered booking unknown people under IPC section 428 - committing mischief by killing, poisoning, maiming or rendering useless any animals.

> **"Turahalli forest is four kilometres away from the apartment... wildlife scavenge on dead poisoned cats... they could get poisoned**
>
> –Forest dept official

"Turahalli forest is just four kilometres away from the apartment and protected; scheduled wildlife such as owls, bats, kites, baldhead eagles and snakes also scavenge on dead poisoned cats... they could get poisoned," an official of the forest department said and claimed to have taken a note of the issue and advised residents they should bury dead carcasses soon after post mortems are over.

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Tread lightly on this path

71-yr-old has nasty fall as uneven slab on 100-ft Rd footpath gives way

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An employee of the apparel store on 100-ft Road confirmed that the pavement was uneven and after the accident, the spot has been fixed

Footpaths in Bengaluru are becoming riskier for pedestrians day-by-day. A Bengaluru doctor walking out of an apparel shop In Indiranagar suffered a grievous injury after hitting his head on an open culvert.

As part of the white-topping work on 100-feet Road in Indiranagar, the culverts under the footpaths have been opened up. People coming to the shops on the stretch have to walk on uneven footpaths and risk walking on temporary slabs placed to facilitate passage to the commercial establishments. For Dr N Santosh Kumar (71), a private medicine practitioner, the situation turned almost fatal.

The victim had gone to an apparel store on 100-ft Road on February 25 when the mishap took place. While exiting from the store, Kumar lost his balance on the pavement and fell into a drain. "Both sides were left open. As I stepped on the slab, the slab tilted and I fell into the drain. I only remember my head hitting the drain. Passersby took me to the hospital. I was bleeding from a small cut on the back of my head and was given stitches," said Dr Santosh Kumar.

Reportedly, he was unconscious for two days and was discharged on February 29. He also suffered from minor bruises on his body.

The victim says that he previously did not have any health complications, but after the accident, he has been suffering from dizziness. The hospital has suggested physiotherapy for a week, added Kumar.

A representative from the store the victim visited confirmed the incident. "Previously, three slabs placed at the entrance were placed below the shop's ground level. After the incident, the slabs were placed correctly as per the level of the store."

The incident has raised some alarm among the residents who have already been suffering from the situation. "On one hand, footpaths are being encroached by vendors and vehicles or there is shoddy work that is making it difficult for pedestrians to use the footpath.

> **"Footpaths are being encroached by vendors and vehicles or there is shoddy work, making it difficult for pedestrians to use the pavement** –Sneha, resident

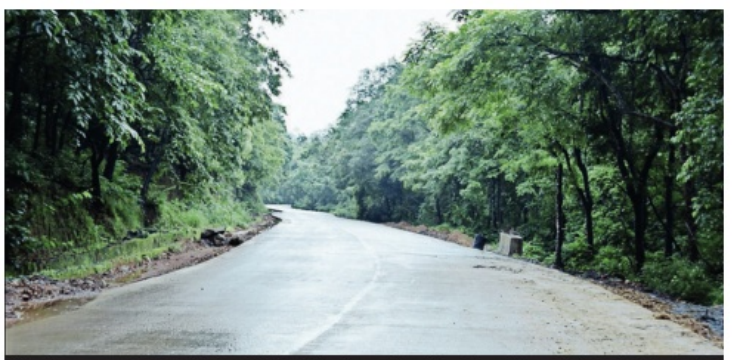
Footpaths are being built at uneven levels and are causing problems for pedestrians," said Sneha Nandihal, a member of I Change Indiranagar, a Federation of Residents Welfare Associations. She further questioned the need for drains to be opened in the entire stretch of 100-feet Road instead of completing the work in phases.

Kumar also added that footpaths have become unusable across the city. "Either the footpaths are occupied by vendors or by vehicles. Pedestrians have been left with no place to walk. If pedestrians are lucky, they can return without running into a mishap. I have even stopped going for my morning run due to footpath encroachments," said Kumar.

BBMP Chief Engineer (Projects-Central), Lokesh told Bangalore Mirror, "We have replaced the slabs properly and safety measures will be put in place. Officials will inspect the entire stretch and assess the safety concerns."

Seamless travel to coastal cities soon

Centre proposes four-lane NH project costing ₹14,000 crore at Shiradi Ghat



During monsoon, Shiradi Ghat is closed, affecting inter-district travel

Travelling to coastal cities of Karnataka from Bengaluru is expected to get better.

Shiradi Ghat is a crucial link connecting Bengaluru to many coastal cities of the State including Mangaluru and Udupi. Now, the Union Government has proposed to construct a four-lane highway on the 26-kilometre stretch of ghat section.

During monsoon, the ghat stretch is closed due to frequent incidences of landslides, affecting the traffic between Bengaluru and coastal cities. Hence, for a long time, there was a demand for all-road connectivity.

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari said, "The proposal for a four-lane highway at Shiradi Ghat was made at a cost of Rs 14,000 crore. However, the project will get a green signal after the environment ministry approves the proposal."

Gadkari said that the environment ministry's green signal is essential even for the proposed tunnel at Shiradi Ghat. The tunnel, which was proposed earlier, includes construction of seven tunnels and six bridges to cut down the travel time.

> **Besides Shiradi Ghat, development works need to be done on four-laning of the 48-km highway stretch from BC Road to Periyashanti**

Besides Shiradi Ghat, works need to be done on four-laning of the 48-km highway stretch from BC Road to Periyashanti.

Though the stretch was awarded tender earlier and even the roads works were inaugurated by Gadkari in 2016, the works which began for a while were abandoned due to technical issues. Since then, the road construction has been in limbo and re-renders were called for. This 63-km is a crucial link passing the forest patches.

Gadkari said that the highways will boost intra state connectivity by enabling seamless, safe and faster travel from villages to District headquarters to Bengaluru.

He said they will provide connectivity to heritage monuments in Karnataka that will boost the tourism sector and create sustainable employment opportunities.

Speaking at the Inauguration and Foundation stone laying ceremony of 15 NH projects worth Rs 3,163 Crore in Mangaluru on Monday, the Minister elaborated that the projects will have transformational impact on the socio-economic prosperity of the people in Karnataka. Gadkari said the projects of a total length of 165 km will boost interstate connectivity..

– Prakash VL

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Shoddy work
Jayanagar

The BBMP had developed a footpath on 9th Main Road in 5th Block of Jayanagar. For one month now, the pavement has been dug up and it has not been restored. The BBMP needs to attend to this work immediately.

Obstructing movement
JP Nagar

The temporary settlements for construction labourers have been obstructing a pavement in JP Nagar 2nd phase, 3rd cross. The houses have been in place for a while as the project is not ending, resulting in public inconvenience.

Missing facilities
Kundalahalli

Shoddy BESCOM work on Kundalahalli Road is leading to public inconvenience. The road has not been tarred properly by the BBMP and the area also lacks a proper drainage system.

Seeping beauty

After Kadugodi park, aim is to make 10,000 percolation pits across Karnataka

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With the rapid growth in the urban areas leading to stone slabs or paved footpaths or asphalted roads, though the rainwater has increased, the groundwater recharge has declined. In order to increase the ground water in some of lung spaces in the city, over 57 recharge pits were constructed at the Kadugodi park in ITPL.

Groundwater recharge in parks can be enhanced by providing recharge pits.

The construction does not require a large team and can be done fast with the right hands.

The percolation pits are holes dug into the ground and it helps draw water downward through the soil, thereby recharging the groundwater.

The Kadugodi tree park spread across 22 acres was neglected largely, and it was taken and developed under the Bengaluru Mission 2022 for rejuvenation in the city. The park was developed with a variety of medicinal plants, playing area, gym, parking space, jogging track. The park also is said to have over 2,000 coconut trees.

Over 57 recharge pits were constructed at a Kadugodi park in ITPL to recharge groundwater

Now, efforts are on to create recharge pits to uplift the groundwater. "The well-digging community takes up the construction of the recharge pits. The recharge pits help allow the rainwater to replenish groundwater by recharging the underground aquifers. Over 57 pits were created at the park." said Sriram Ananthanarayanan, Director, Projects United Way Bengaluru.

> **"The pits will raise the underground water table and will also ensure water supply**
> – Shivarathreswara Swamy SM, Range Forest Officer

The work was taken up by United Way Bengaluru through CSR funds and they aim at making 10,000 percolation pits across Karnataka. So far, over 600 pits have been created in many of the lung spaces including Lalbagh.

Each percolation pit is said to save two crore water droplets per annum, taking an average of 30 days of rainfall.

"The recharge pits are created as part of the 1 billion drops campaign, where we want to save 1 billion drops. To construct one pit it takes around two days and the cost of it goes to Rs 30-32,000. In about two years we can see an increase in three litres of ground water gable. The government is giving us approvals to create the recharge pits in places while the funds are generated through CSR." said Ananthanarayanan.

Shivarathreswara Swamy SM, Range forest officer, KR Puram range, said, "These pits would raise the underground water table and will also ensure water supply to trees and shrubs which have been planted in the tree parks. The pits are dug scientifically to check waterlogging and soil erosion during heavy rainfall. Over 30 plus pits have been dug up at the Kadugodi tree parks and the rest in Kadugodi nursery. We will then carry out the maintenance."

In god's grace

On the occasion of Maha Shivaratri, devotees gather to offer prayers and seek blessings at a temple in Bengaluru on Tuesday

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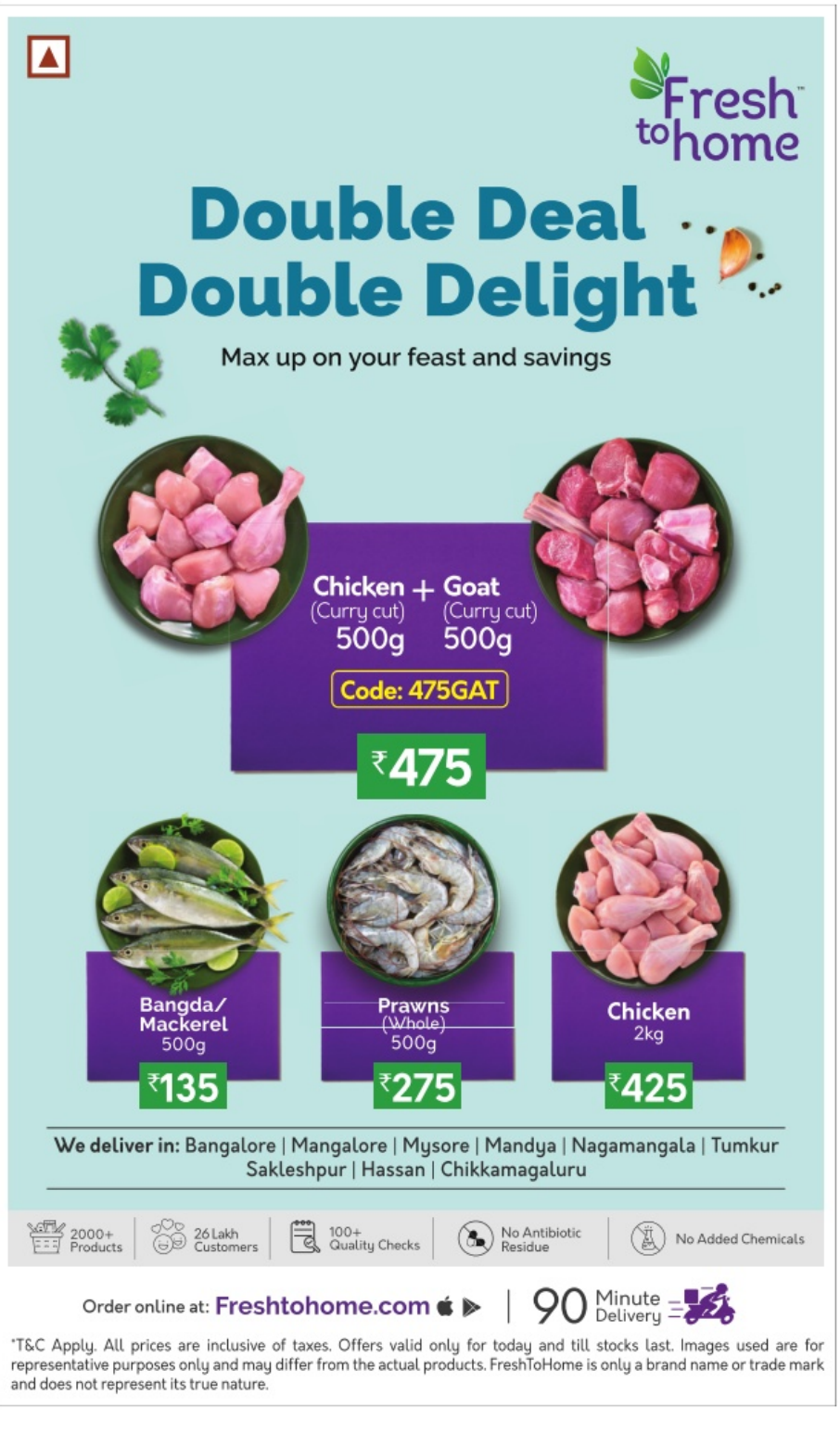
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Student was in queue for food during fatal shelling

CM assures Naveen Gyanagoudar's family of all help to bring his mortal remains back to the country

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Tuesday spoke to the family of the Indian who died in a shelling incident in war-torn Ukraine. Naveen Shekharappa Gyanagoudar, the deceased student, was a resident of Haveri.

"It is a big blow. May the Almighty bestow eternal peace on Naveen. You must be brave to bear the tragic happening," Bommai told the family while expressing grief.

The 21-year-old Indian, a student of Kharkiv National Medical University, was reportedly standing in a queue to buy food when he was killed in Russian shelling in Ukraine's Kharkiv earlier on Tuesday.

"With profound sorrow we confirm that an Indian student lost his life in shelling in Kharkiv this morning. The Ministry is in touch with his family. We convey our deepest condolences to the family," tweeted the External Affairs Ministry, confirming Gyanagoudar's death.

After the death of Naveen Gyangoudar (left), his father speaks to former Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa on the phone; Relatives and friends gather at his house in Chalageri, Haveri, on Tuesday (right)

Efforts are now on to bring his mortal remains to India.

"PM Narendra Modi had spoken to the family. We will try our best to recover the body and bring it back to India. I have requested PMO and MEA to help us to recover mortals," said Bommai.

Choking with grief, the deceased's father Shekharappa Gyanagoudar said that he had spoken to his son in the morning as he used to call up twice or thrice every day.

Till now 49 students of Karnataka have returned from Ukraine, as per the state's official release.

The Union government has launched Operation Ganga to bring back stranded students and Indian citizens from the conflict-torn Ukraine.

Over the last few days, Indian nationals are being evacuated on flights from Hungary, Poland, Slovakia and Romania-- countries that share borders with Ukraine. Special flights are being operated by Air India, SpiceJet and Indigo. **ANI**

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Anger, shock in grief-struck Haveri

Haveri was struck by the shadow of war on Tuesday. The news of the death of Naveen Shekarappa in Ukraine spread sending shock waves on the day of Maha Shivratri.

The parents of other students who were with Naveen, expressed anguish over the death and appealed to the state and central governments to get their children out of Ukraine. Venkatesh Vaisar, father of Amit Vaisar, a student stranded in Ukraine said, "Naveen was with our boys, he went out to bring snacks. Since there was nothing to eat, he ventured out in search of food. What is the government doing all this while? It should take immediate action," he said.

"Shekarappa's (deceased Naveen's father) boy died today. We all have only one child. All of us humbly request concerned officers to bring them back from Ukraine. Please do not harass us. Otherwise, we have no way out but to commit suicide. We will hold local MP Shivakumar Udasi responsible for our deaths. We have only one child, there is no life without him," an emotional Vaisar said.

"Our boys are in touch with us. For three days they had nothing to eat. We have been pleading with everyone. We have also submitted a letter to Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs and Mining Pralhad Joshi, but there is no use," he reacted angrily.

Sridhar Krishnamurthy Vaishya, father of Suman Sridhar Vaishya also hailing from Haveri, who is stuck in Ukraine said, though his son was constantly calling up local MP Shivakumar Udasi for a week, he is not receiving the phone. What should we do? My son has sent a message saying he needs help. He could see that his message had been read but there was no reply from the MP.

"Three boys known to us from Haveri had gone to Ukraine, one among them is gone now. We have pinned our hopes on God about the safe return of our children."

Former Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa told Naveen's father Shekarappa, , that the government is with his family and all efforts are being made to bring back the Naveen's body to India.

Family sources said, "Naveen had gone out of the bunker at 6.45 a.m. in the morning to the supermarket just 500 metres away in extreme cold to get some food. At around 8.30 am a big sound was heard. His friend Yashvanth asked all his friends to call up Naveen. However, the call was answered by another person. Since they did not understand the language, they took the help of locals to know that Naveen has been killed and his body is kept in a forensic facility."

The family has also been told that Naveen chose to stay with juniors. **–IANS**

PM asks IAF to evacuate all stranded Indians

On Tuesday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi convened a high-level meeting, his fourth in the last 48 hours on Ukraine. Earlier in the day, Modi asked the Indian Air Force (IAF) to evacuate Indians stranded in Ukraine, sources said, adding the force is likely to deploy several C-17 aircraft, which has the capacity to carry approximately 300 passengers, as part of Operation Ganga.

Meanwhile, Union Ministers Hardeep Singh Puri and Kiren Rijiju left for Hungary and Slovakia respectively, to oversee the evacuation of Indians. Earlier in the day, the Indian Embassy in Ukraine on Twitter advised all Indian nationals -- including students -- to leave Kyiv urgently on Friday itself, preferably by trains or through any other means available. **—Agencies**

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Rich, richer and the richest

Bengaluru sees high growth among ultra high networth individuals

Amongst key Indian cities, Bengaluru witnessed the highest growth in the number of Ultra-high-networth individuals (UHNWIs) at 17.1 per cent to 352, followed by Delhi (12.4 per cent, 210) and Mumbai (9 per cent, 1,596).

The number of ultra-high-net worth-individuals with net assets of USD 30 million (about Rs 226 crore) or more, in India increased 11 per cent last year on the back of buoyant equity markets and digital revolution, according to Knight Frank's latest edition of The Wealth Report 2022. India also ranked third in billionaire population globally in 2021. US is number one with with 748 billionaires, followed by Chinese mainland at 554 billionaires and India with 145 billionaires. In the last five years for the major markets, Delhi has witnessed an increase of 101.2 per cent, followed by Mumbai (42.6 per cent) and Bengaluru (22.7 per cent). However, in the next five years, Bengaluru is projected to witness an increase of 89 per cent in the UHNWI population and become home to 665 ultra-wealthy individuals by 2026.

It said the number of UHNWIs globally increased by 9.3 per cent in 2021 to 6,10,569, from 5,58,828 in the previous year. "In India, the number of UHNWIs (net assets with USD 30 million or more) has grown by 11 per cent YoY (year-on-year) in 2021, the highest percentage growth in APAC," Knight Frank said in a statement. The number of UHNWIs in India grew to 13,637 in 2021 from 12,287 in the previous year.

The number of ultra-high-net worth-individuals with net assets of USD 30 million has grown by 17.1 per cent in city

The consultant has pegged the number of UHNWIs growing 39 per cent by 2026 to 19,006 from 13,637 in 2021. In 2016, the number of UHNWIs stood at 7,401. Knight Frank India Chairman and Managing Director Shishir Baijal said: "Equity markets and digital adoption have been the key factors driving the growth of UHNWIs in India. The growth in younger, self-made UHNWIs has been incredible in India and we foresee them to drive new investment themes and innovation."

> **"Equity markets and digital adoption have been factors driving the growth of UHNWIs in India. The growth in self-made UHNWIs has been incredible**
>
> –Shishir Baijal, Knight Frank India

With a healthy growth in the UHNWI and billionaire population, he said India is expected to be one of the fastest growing countries amongst its global peers, further strengthening itself economically and emerging as a superpower in different sectors.

As per the report, around 69 per cent of the super wealthy individuals in India are expected to witness an increase of over 10 per cent in their net worth in 2022. "Asia continues to be the forerunner in the billionaires' club contributing to 36 per cent of the total billionaires in the world in 2021. India has ranked 3rd in terms of billionaires' population in 2021 following US and China," the statement said. For the first time, Knight Frank has examined the size of the 'next generation' of the world's UHNWI population and assesses what that could mean for the property markets.

"Globally, it is estimated that 135,192 UHNWIs are self-made and under the age of 40, accounting for around a fifth of the total UHNWI population. India has ranked 6th in percentage growth of the UHNWI population that is self-made and under the age of 40 years," it said. Over the next five years, Knight Frank forecasts that the global UHNWIs population will grow by a further 28 per cent, with Asia and Australasia at 33 per cent each seeing the largest growth. "The number of UHNWI population in India is expected to grow by 39 per cent between 2021- 2026," the consultant said. **–PTI**

IN BRIEF

Microsoft CEO's son passes away

Chairman and CEO of Microsoft Corporation Satya Nadella's son Zain has passed away.

As per Mashable, Zain, who had been born with cerebral palsy, died on Monday at the age of 26.

The unfortunate news was shared by Microsoft in an email, asking the executives to hold the grieving family in their thoughts and prayers.

After learning about Zain's demise, netizens paid their heartfelt condolences to the family.

Mourning the loss, Telugu Desam Party President, N Chandrababu Naidu, tweeted, "Deeply pained to learn of the passing away of young Zain Nadella. Condolences to Anupama Ji, Satya Nadella and family. May god give them strength through this difficult time. Om Shanthi."

Ayci turns down offer to head AI

Former Turkish Airlines chairman Ilker Ayci, who was named by Tata Group a fortnight back to head Air India, on Tuesday turned down the offer saying his appointment has been "coloured" by the Indian media.

"My appointment at Air India within Tata Group was announced earlier in February, with a start date of April 1st. Since the announcement, I have been carefully following news in some sections of the Indian media attempting to colour my appointment with undesirable colours," Ayci said in a statement. On February 14, Tata Group announced that the board of Air India after "due deliberations approved the appointment" of Ilker Ayci as the CEO & MD of Air India. Ayci appointment was approved in the board meeting in which N Chandrasekaran, Chairman of Tata Sons, was a special invitee. Ayci said he recently met Chandrasekaran and 'regretfully' informed him about his decision of declining the position.

THE RIVER BANK ROBBERS

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we are told. The last complaint was made on Feb 9, 2022. The issue has been brought to the notice of the deputy commissioner, sub-divisional officers, tahsildar, Lokayukta, sub-tahsildar officer at Kengeri, officers of revenue department in Hemmigepura, president of Kumbalgodu gram panchayat, K Gollahalli, and farmer leaders of Kengeri Hobli. None of the officials have considered the matter, citizens said. Instead, the complainants were threatened. Farmers alleged that the revenue office has not moved the complaint file to the tahsildar's office for further action.

The violators continue dumping as civic authorities turn mute spectators, according to farmers. Farmers have submitted a complaint letter to the area sub-inspector at the Kumbalgodu police station too. Recently, farmers noticed that medical waste is also being dumped in the river.

"Acres of fertile land are lost due to diverted sewage water. We are unable to profit from the farm produce as swathes of land are crumbling, caused by the overflow of sewage into our farms. Farmers can no longer see their farm area in the blueprint. It doesn't exist anymore due to encroachment. Illegal dumping is happening in broad daylight these days; norms of the buffer zone are also being ignored completely, and officials continue to stay quiet about this," Murthy, farmer from survey no 5 said.

"We have lost around 15 coconut trees and arecanut trees so far; my land in survey no 6 is completely taken over by sewage water. Another piece of land that I own is also turning into a sewage canal due to an upcoming layout. Around 10 farmers in the area are facing this issue. None of the officials have responded to our complaints and are not helping us resolve this problem," Srinivas, another farmer, said.

Farm owner Chan Pasha at survey no 7 said layout owners have been dumping all sorts of waste; as a result sewage water is flowing into the farm. "We have lost 20 coconut trees and an acre of land. The land is completely filled with water, especially during the rainy season. We can hardly grow anything. Farming is a source of income for our family. Layout owners are violating rules and threatening us by dropping politicians' names," Pasha said.

Supporting the farmers, Bengaluru NavaNirmana Party (BNP) member from Kengeri, Raman Sheshadri, noted: "Despite the government's hard stance on buffer zones around lakes and rivers and rules on wastewater discharge and illegal dumping, farmers continue to face problems. Untreated sewage water can cause serious damage to soil fertility, making it unfit for crops. Officials being unresponsive to the matter is unacceptable; they should look into this immediately and hold the violators in question accountable for their illegal activities."

Finding India's para-athletes

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"The idea originated roughly five years ago but it came to fruition only in August last year. We realised that a lot of para-athletes did not get the right opportunity and exposure. There is very little support for upcoming para-athletes. During the pandemic, many of them lost sponsorships as well. BluFin Foundation aims to fill this gap by supporting deserving para-athlete candidates. Currently, we are supporting four candidates who are all national-level medal winners in swimming. One is from Bengaluru, two are from Ballari, and another candidate is from Maharashtra," said coach Gayakawad.

He added that ever since Commonwealth Games 2010, there has been a lot of interest in the field and to some extent there exists a level playing field: "Currently, the Karnataka government is providing cash prizes only for the top two medal winning athletes in each category but does not give full scholarships. School fee is reimbursed for the year in which the para-athlete wins the medal. Para-athletes also do not get any support for taking part in qualifying events and other procedural payments. Only top-performing athletes get full sponsorship. However, a new development group is in the works that will bring in more than 40 plus para-athletes across different sports."

Selected candidates live in paid-for accommodation adjacent to the swimming pool facility throughout the year. In between, for examinations and such, they return to their hometowns. The pandemic somehow made it easier for the students to follow their education regularly. In online mode, attending classes has not been difficult. With an all-expenses covered sponsorship, para-athletes can completely focus on excelling in their chosen sport.

"Until August 2021, I had to fend for myself. After arriving at BluFin Foundation, I have been able to improve the timing for my 100 m by nine seconds. Previously, I have been able to work on my endurance but the techniques imparted here have helped me with my timing," said Prathamesh, a para-athlete. Prathamesh is currently training to compete in the Asian Games slated to be held in China in September 2022.

BluFin candidates took part in the 2021 Asian Youth Para Games in Bahrain and finished under top 10 positions. Two among them are also training to travel to Germany for other competitions.

Para-athletes do not secure sufficient funding easily. With increased funding, the NGO hopes to be able to support more para-athletes across different sports.

"People tend to ignore the plight of para-athletes. CSR funds are used for marketing rather than to support the cause. It has been difficult to find sponsors," said Vyshakh, co-founder of BluFin.

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Bye bye, dry lips

Try these tricks to never have chapped lips again

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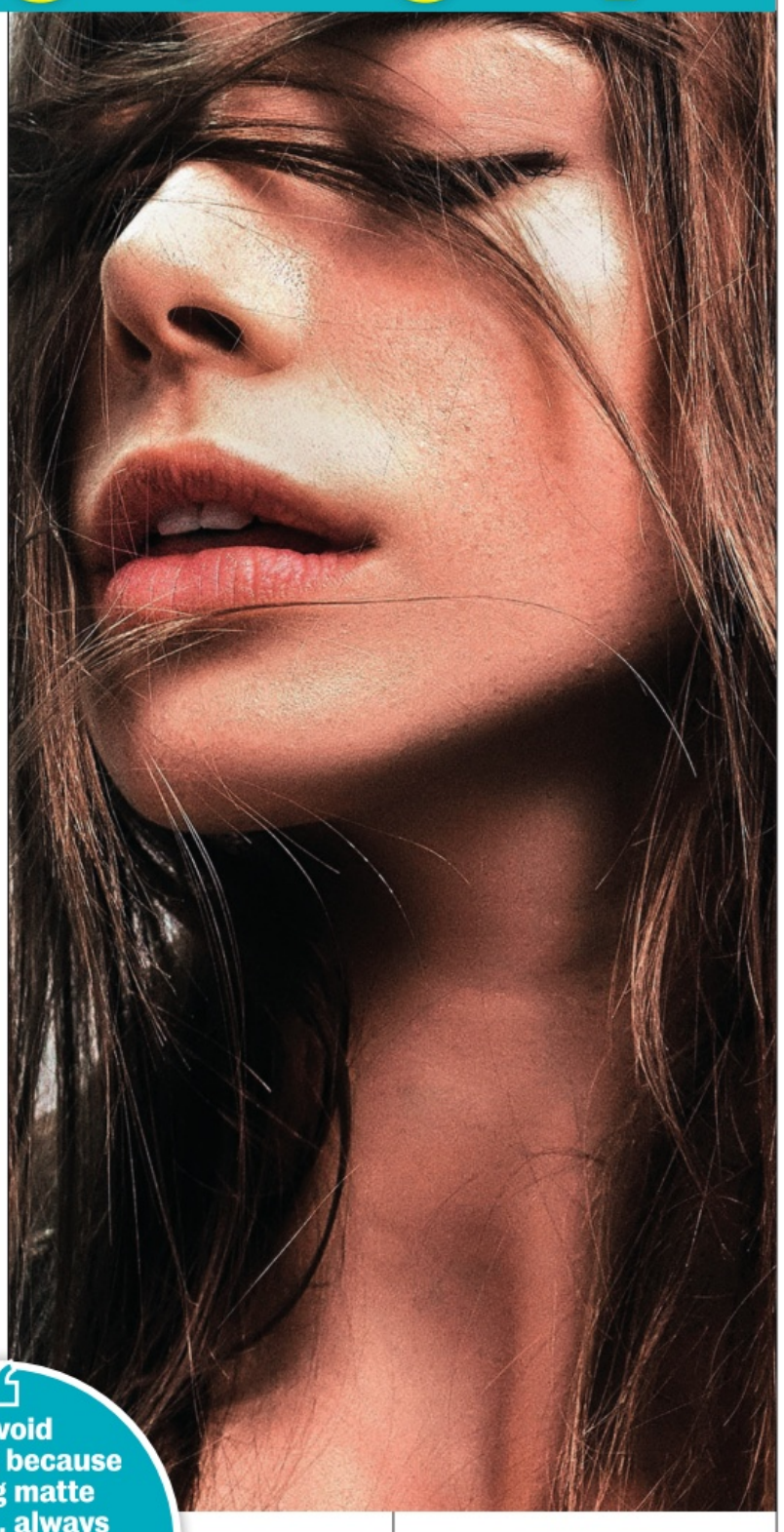


Do you often have dry, chapped lips regardless of the season that you can't seem to get rid of no matter how much lip balm you treat it with? Then you have come to the right place. As people who have the same issues as you, we can tell you this much — the problem is that you aren't exfoliating your lips enough. The internet is chock-full of videos showing you how to exfoliate your lips, but not following the right procedure can do more harm than good.

"Our lip is a very delicate organ and unlike the skin in parts of the body, it has little to no stratum corneum (outermost protective barrier)," says Dr. Sneh Thadani, Dermatologist & Cosmetologist, Founder, Skin Soul Clinic. "When we exfoliate, we get rid of this layer which is known as dead skin. Because the lip doesn't have this, one should be careful in exfoliation," she adds, making it extremely important to know how to exfoliate lips in the right way. To help understand the process, we have broken it down systematically, so you don't search "how to exfoliate your lips" every time you see flakes on them.

What causes drying of lips?

Many environmental factors are responsible for the drying and chapping of lips. According to Dr. Thadani, the most common reasons are dehydration, consuming extremely hot beverages which cause microscopic burns and even contribute to pigmentation or darkening of lips, using matte lipsticks, and not having dedicated lip-care routine. "Another major cause of dry lips is licking them often. It is called lip licker's dermatitis and is the damage caused by the saliva from chronic licking," she adds.

> "To avoid chapping because of using matte lipsticks, always use a primer. It's important to take any residual lipstick off before going to bed

Pro tip: To avoid chapping because of using matte lipsticks, always use a primer. It is also important to take any residual lipstick off before going to bed. Drinking enough water is a great way to ensure that your lips remain hydrated.

How to exfoliate your lips

There are many methods of lip exfoliation that people suggest are effective. Dr. Thadani broadly classifies the lip exfoliation methods into two main categories, physical (or mechanical) and chemical.

Physical exfoliation

Physical exfoliation involves using scrubs or other tools to mechanically slough the flaky part of the skin. The two most used methods of physical exfoliation involve using lip scrubs and a toothbrush using soft bristles.

Mechanical exfoliation using a toothbrush

- This is the easiest method of lip exfoliation that involves moving the brush in soft circular motions over the lips to get rid of the chapped skin.
- Before exfoliating, ensure your lips are clean. Remove any residual lipstick or lip gloss, wash your lips with warm water and gently pat them dry.
- Move a soft toothbrush gently over your lips in small circles but do not irritate or break the skin.
- Pat dry your lips again and apply a thin layer of lip balm or any lip moisturiser.
- Physical exfoliation using DIY lip scrub

Ingredients

- 3 tsp granulated sugar
- ½ tsp honey
- ½ tsp olive oil (or any oil of your choice)

Method

- Mix the ingredients in a bowl to form a semi-runny to a thick paste.
- Take some of the DIY formulae on your fingers and apply it evenly across your lips.
- Using your fingers, scrub your lips in a circular motion for 2 or 3 minutes.
- Leave the paste on for a while and gently wipe it or wash it off.
- Moisturise your lips using a lip balm or any other hydrating product.

Chemical exfoliation

Like chemical peels for the face, exfoliation for lips, too, involves using chemical formulations. According to Dr. Thadani, mild AHAs (alpha-hydroxy acids) are best for gently exfoliating lips. Although it is a procedure that requires a visit to the doctor's office, chemical peels have been proven to be gentler on the lips as they don't involve the risk of breaking the skin as with mechanical exfoliation. It simply sloughs away the dead cells to reveal softer, fuller-looking, and brighter lips. Use a hydrating lip balm or lip oil for the upkeep of softer-looking lips between sessions.

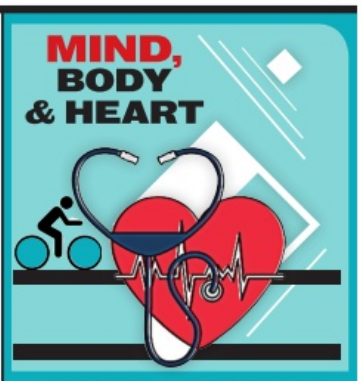
Since the skin on our lips has lesser layers, the peels used for the face or other parts of the body will be too harsh on the lips. However, a gentle peel can have instant results.

Pro tip: Simply exfoliating your lips is not enough. It is important to have a good everyday lip-care routine. The best time to do this is before bed. Remove any makeup from your lips and apply hydrating overnight masks. Always use primers before applying lipsticks, especially if they are matte finish.

How often to exfoliate lips

While exfoliating lips to keep them dead skin-free is encouraged, too much exfoliation can be detrimental for the skin. "There are several factors involved in determining how often you should exfoliate your lips, including weather and humidity conditions," says Dr. Thadani. "It also depends on your general lip care routine, your use of makeup, and lifestyle conditions. But I suggest exfoliating your lips once or twice a month and gradually building up from there if you see no side effects."

Pro tip: Constantly licking our lips is one of the biggest contributors to drying lips. To avoid excessive chapping, it is important to curb this habit or become more mindful of it.



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My daughters in particular are constantly calling to ask if I'm OK and popping over all the time, which can be annoying, although I don't tell them that of course.
Am I odd for not wanting to socialise all the time?.

COLEEN SAYS

Well, I think it's sweet that your daughters are thoughtful and caring. You sound very self-reliant, which is a good thing. But I guess it's also good to remember that while you don't necessarily need other people, your friends and family want to see you, particularly after the lockdowns when meeting wasn't an option. I think there's a difference between being on your own and feeling alone, so that's the point to get across to your daughters. You're not lonely, but you enjoy your own company for the most part, so there is no need for them to worry.

My job involves meeting loads of people and talking a lot, so I'm a homebody and quite protective of my free time when I'm not at work.

I'm naturally quite shy, so I don't like big events where I don't know many people. But when I do make the effort to get out and go to things, I'm always glad I did. I think it's about finding a balance..

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

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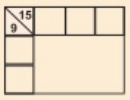
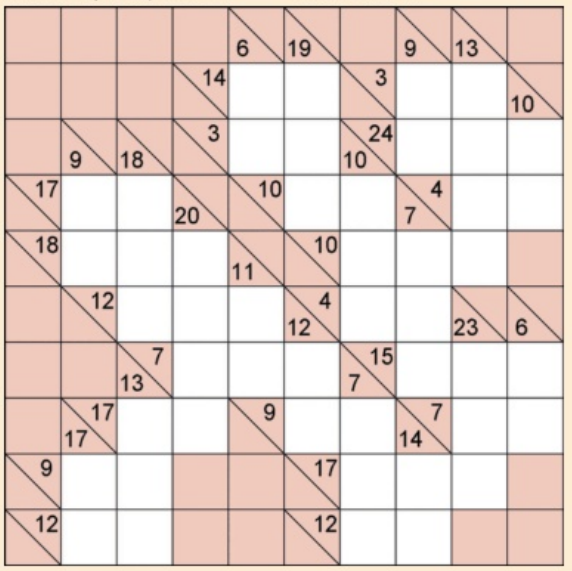
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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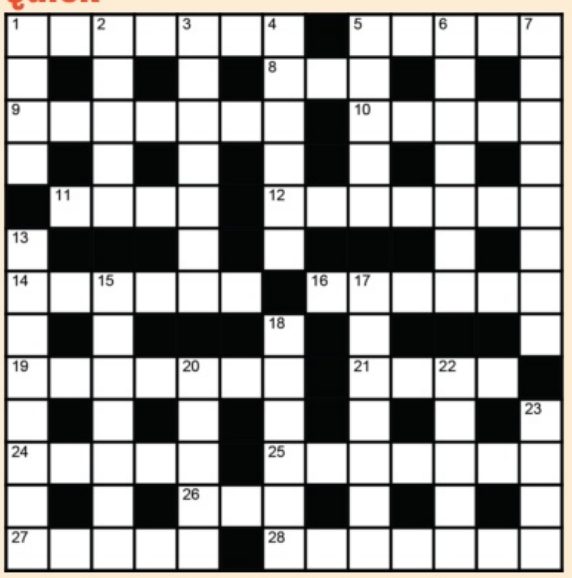


ACROSS

1 A ring of rope (7)
5 Give a speech spontaneously? (2-3)
8 Concealed oneself (3)
9 Learner (7)
10 Ex-P.M. Morarjibhai ___ (5)
11 Hawaiian goose (4)
12 Sketching (7)
14 Dispose of, discard or scrap (6)
16 Mythical monster (6)
19 Needing or desiring (7)
21 Expense (4)
24 Cowboy competition (5)
25 Reykjavik is its capital (7)
26 Illuminated (3)
27 Swindles or makes a fool of (5)
28 Ask earnestly (7)

DOWN

1 Dam control? (4)
2 Come _ ___: mature or grow up (2,3)
3 Nelson _____: great African statesman? (7)
4 Hamlet changed for the girl ? (6)
5 Total (3,2)
6 Striking violently at or against? (7)
7 Spanning (8)
13 Theme park located on the Place Grounds (3,5)
15 Formed a queue? (5,2)
17 Wealthiest (7)
18 Put a match to (6)
20 Objects of worship (5)
22 Viper or python (5)
23 Change or emend (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: M EQUALS T

MDG VSZIFG YPM EGM BSZRGK BSY DPFK MDG QPZV PQ GRGZE MDPOUDM MDG UZGSMGLM SZMALM DSL.

Linemaro

You know, my mother always told me it was impolite to stare, so what do you say we dance?

Mindchow

A creative man is motivated by the desire to achieve, not by the desire to beat others

Joke of the day

I doubt, therefore I might be

Loop

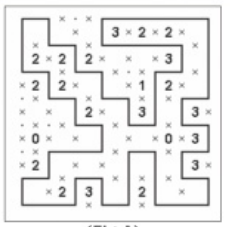
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

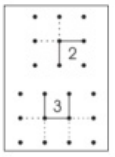
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

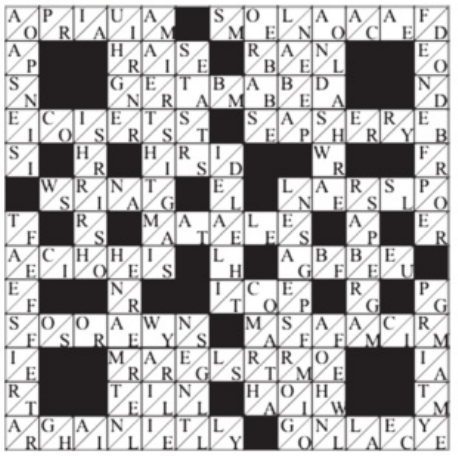


(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed

Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4	5
6				
7				
8				
9			E	

ACROSS

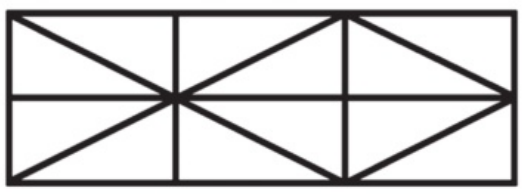
1 Broca; 6 O Mage; 7 Vilna; 8 Is eve; 9 Ted to

DOWN

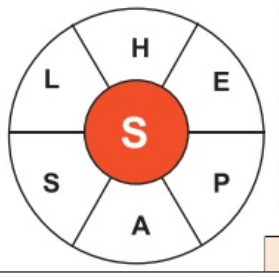
1 Costa; 2 Amino; 3 Evert; 4 Go vie; 5 Blade

Mensapuzzle

How many triangles are there here?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

14 Average; **16** Good; **18** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	2	4			1		9	
6				5	9			
			7			8		3
7		1				5	8	
	3	9				1		7
1		6			5			
			2	7				1
	4		8			3	7	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 9

3 3 6 9

Medium = 29

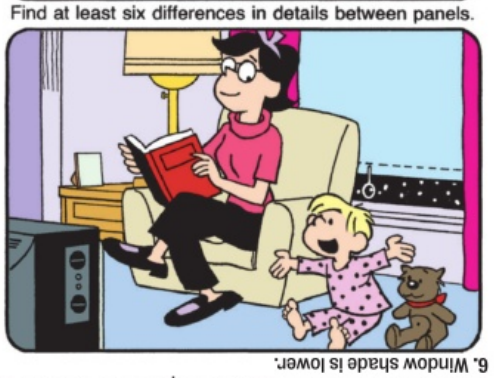
6 7 8 8

Hard = 45

5 7 8 6

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



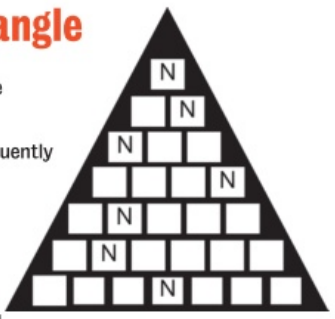
Differences: 1. Ann is lower. 2. Foot is moved. 3. Lampshade is different. 4. Switch is added to lamp. 5. Picture is moved. 6. Window shade is lower.

Riddler

Can you decipher these common Christmas Carols? 1. A Non-summer fairytale area 2. Oh holiday conifer 3. Ten plus two twenty-four hour periods of holiday festivity 4. Hey tiny city in Israel 5. In a remote location in a barn stall

Alpha triangle

1 One of the poles
2 Printer's measure
3 Maiden-named
4 Noticed
5 Take place subsequently
6 Disquiet
7 Boulevards



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

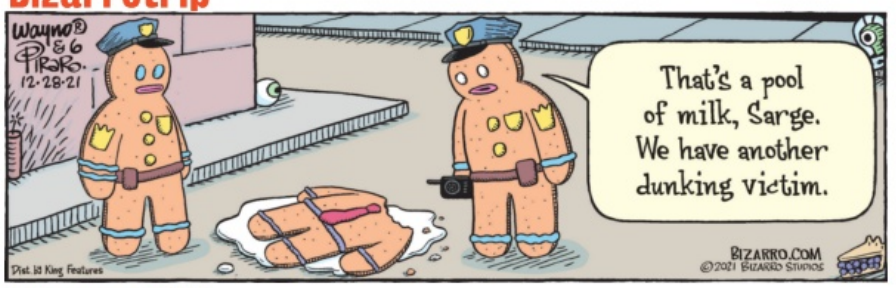
DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

I THINK I'M GETTING FLAT FEET!
I'LL TAKE A LOOK
WHAT LINE OF WORK WERE YOU IN BEFORE YOU BECAME A MEDICINE MAN?
12-17
I WORKED IN A TIRE STORE ... WHY?
YATES/CASSON

Bizarrotrip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Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

CLANG!
I'M LEADING SPOCK TO THE BEDROOM! START FLASHING YOUR LIGHT!
SPOCK! COME ON OUT!
MEOW!
SPOCK! YOU SCARED US! BUT I SUPPORT YOU BOLDLY GOING WHERE NO CAT HAS GONE BEFORE.
HOPEFULLY NOT TO SEEK OUT NEW LIFE OR CIVILIZATIONS.

Crankshaft

WHY DON'T WE CLOSE A COUPLE OF HOURS EARLY, ED?
I DON'T THINK WE'RE GOING TO GET ANY MORE CUSTOMERS ON CHRISTMAS EVE.
YOU READ MY MIND!
YOU MUST BE A TELEPORTER!
12-24
BATIUK & DAVIS

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, there may be peace in your mind. Your earnings may boost your financial health. You may enjoy romantic moments with your spouse, which may enhance harmony in family life. Singles may find suitable matches. You may expect to find ample opportunities at work and notice progress in your life.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you may be able to implement your plans with the help of your strong network at work. You may receive a big order due to hard work. Understanding between you and your spouse may improve, which may boost harmony in domestic life. Your boss may appreciate your hard work.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you are blessed by the moon. Yesterday's messy situation is under control. You may initiate postponed work. You may incur some gains in your business, which may boost your financial health. You may expect an unexpected opportunity, which may boost your business or work . You may also plan to travel overseas.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may not feel well and might have health issues. This may affect your professional and domestic life. You may be upset due to your spouse's health issues. Your patience may be tested many times. Don't make investments in new business projects, otherwise you may face losses. Students must avoid fantasising and should work hard in their studies.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you are blessed by the moon. You may be able to make quick decisions on the professional front. You may expect to get new opportunities in terms of business, which may boost your confidence level. You are likely to start some new innovation with the help of your business partner, which may boost your business in the near future.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you are blessed by a positive moon. You may feel healthy; chronic health issues may get cured now. Kids' health may be ok now. Money, which was stuck somewhere, may get recovered. You may also repay your debt.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you are blessed by the moon. This may give you peace of mind. You may be decisive and grab an opportunity without a second thought. Past karma may help you to sustain in any situation. Love birds may enjoy happy moments. Job aspirants may get a suitable job with the help of friends.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may be dull. Detachment from responsibilities may make you upset. You may not be able to fulfil your commitments, which may affect your prestige. You may be a victim of arrogance. It may affect both your professional and domestic life. You may internally feel a lack of confidence, which may stop you from doing something creative at work.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may be enthusiastic. Your focus on your goals may be very good. You may easily achieve your target. You are likely to go on short work-related trips, which may give you benefits in the near future. Your subordinates may help you to complete an important project. You may get into a dispute with your siblings.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you are blessed by the moon. You will plan to invest more capital into the family business. This may boost your family business in the near future. You may receive some rewards for your social services. You may expect to hear some good news in your family, which may create a joyful environment in the family. You may also enjoy some delicious food.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may feel happy. Your health is good; it may give you inner strength and confidence. Your subconscious may not allow you to manipulate the messy task. Your prestige in society may grow. With the help of good karma, destiny may help you to start an innovative task.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may be unhappy and disappointed. Beware of your arrogance; otherwise you may face some losses due to your harsh way of speaking while talking with anyone. Avoid long trips and rash driving. You should keep yourself away from bay areas or oceans.

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SOLUTIONS

RIDDLER
1. Winter Wonderland,
2. Oh Christmas Tree,
3. 12 Days of Christmas,
4. Oh Little Town of Bethlehem,
5. Away In a Manger

SOLVE IN 1M
5-5-5
20

QUOTE UNCODE
The marble not yet carved can hold the form of every thought the greatest artist has.

FAST FIVE

C	A	R	O	B
O	M	E	G	A
A	N	V	I	L
S	I	E	V	E
T	O	T	E	D

STRIKE OUT

O	P	I	U	M	M	E	N	A
A	R	A	E	B	E	N	O	C
S	G	R	A	B	E	D	N	E
I	C	I	E	S	T	S	P	H
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A	G	I	L	E	L	Y	G	L

QUICK

G	R	O	M	M	E	T	A	D
E	G	D	L	U	H	D		
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W	A	N	T	I	N	G	C	O
N	E	N	T	R	E	A	T	

MENSA PUZZLE
Twenty Five

BULL'S EYE
HAPLESS, hasp, hassle, lapse, lash, lass, leash, less, pass, phase, sale, sash, seal, shale, shape, slap, slash, splash

SUDOKU

5	4	2	8	1	6	3	7	9
8	9	3	2	7	4	6	5	1
1	7	6	9	3	5	4	2	8
2	3	9	5	6	8	1	4	7
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9	1	5	7	4	2	8	6	3
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3	2	4	6	8	1	7	9	5

ALPHA TRIANGLE
N, En, Nee, Seen, Ensue, Unease, Avenues.

GO FIGURE
Easy
9 - 6 + 3 + 3 = 9
Medium
8 + 7 + 8 + 6 = 29
Hard
6 x 7 + 8 - 5 = 45

LOOP

KAKURO

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Brad Pitt's production company boards Beetlejuice 2 — Hollywood star Brad Pitt's production company Plan B has boarded 'Beetlejuice 2', bringing a new sense of life to a project that has long been in the works at Warner Bros

All for a cause

Yami joins hands with NGOs to work with sexual assault survivors

Yami Gautam has been receiving great accolades from critics and audiences alike for her performance in her latest outing 'A Thursday'. The actor, who played the character of a rape victim in the film, has got us all thinking about the current infrastructure available at the disposal of the sexually assaulted victims for their rehabilitation.

Today, the actor has announced that she will be stepping up to support the sexually assaulted victims in order to contribute to the betterment of the infrastructure in her own capacity. Talking about the same Yami shared, "Today with great pride I would like to share that I have joined hands with two NGOs who are constantly supporting and working towards the rehabilitation of sexually assaulted victims."

Elaborating further, the actress added, "The need to work on these issues stems from the women's safety issues which still exist while it has progressed but there's still a long way to go. My association with the NGOs is just the beginning and in the near future I would like to contribute further in helping to procure better resources to protect and support women from all walks of life."

Yami will be seen in 'Dasvi' co-starring Abhishek Bachchan and Nimrat Kaur. She also has Aniruddha Roy Chowdhury's 'Lost'. Apart from these, the actress has also been roped in for OMG: Oh My God sequel. **—ETimes**

Swanky set of wheels worth ₹3 cr for 41st

Shahid Kapoor has got a plush new ride and *ETimes* paparazzi spotted the actor in his swanky car on Monday. The actor, who recently turned 41, seems to have gifted himself a brand new Mercedes Maybach S580 which priced at a whopping Rs 3 crore.

Last week on Shahid Kapoor's birthday, Mira had hosted a low-key bash at their sea-facing bungalow in Juhu. It was attended by Ishaan Khatter, Ananya Panday, Kunal Kemmu and Kunal Rawal among others. Mira had also shared unseen pictures of Shahid and penned, "Happy Birthday life May you get the best of everything because you are the best. Best dad, best friend, best husband, best sagel love you #mineforever #birthdaybumps." Shahid Kapoor and Mira Rajput tied the knot in 2015 and welcomed daughter Misha in 2016 and son Zain in 2018.

Speaking about striking a balance between work hours and family time, Shahid had told BT, "Once you are married and have kids, you realise that, that is where life begins. Everything just converges. There is a thrust, focus and clarity in every sphere of life. I have felt that shift and I am grateful for it. As for Mira, when we fight, I use it all for my intense scenes, and when we have happier moments, I use that energy to spread positivity. It works for me in every way." On the work front, Shahid Kapoor will soon be seen in 'Jersey'.

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